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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF MEXICO
FOR FEEDER CATTLE (STEERS AND SPAYED HEIFERS ONLY) EXPORTED FROM
THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee and individual identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

Certificaciones

1. **EITHER:** The animals are free of ectoparasites and originate from areas not quarantined for fever ticks (*Boophilus* spp).
 Los animales están libres de ectoparásitos y proceden de áreas no cuarentenadas por garrapata Boophilus spp.

 OR: The United States is free of *Boophilus* spp).
 Los Estados Unidos es país libre de garrapata Boophilus spp.
2. The animals were examined prior to exportation and found to be clinically healthy.
 Los animales fueron examinados previamente a la exportación y fueron encontrados clínicamente sanos.
3. The animals originate from tuberculosis-free herds or States
 Los animales son originarios de hatos o estados libres de tuberculosis;
4. The animals have not been fed ruminant origin meat and bone meal.
 Los animales no fueron alimentados con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.
5. In the country of origin, there are animal health regulations that forbid the feeding of ruminant origin meat and bone meal to ruminant animals.
 En el país de origen existe reglamentación zoosanitaria vigente que prohíbe alimentar a los rumiantes con harinas de carne y hueso de origen rumiante.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. All animals will be unloaded and inspected by a Mexican veterinarian at a facility in the United States at one of the following border points: Brownsville, Texas; Laredo, Texas; Del Rio, Texas; Eagle Pass, Texas; El Paso, Texas; Presidio, Texas; Columbus, New Mexico; San Luis, Arizona; Nogales, Arizona; Douglas, Arizona; Calexico, California; Santa Teresa, New Mexico.

2. All cattle intended for export shall be identified by an ear tag or tattoo.
3. If the animals do not originate from a TB accredited free herd or State, they should be tested within 60 days of export.
4. The animals must be transported in cleaned and disinfected vehicles, and should not come into contact with other animals not being exported.
5. The animals will be consigned to approved pens or pastures where they will remain there separate from all other animals until they are ready to be sent to slaughter or are exported.
6. The health certificates must be type-written. Mexican Animal Health authorities will reject certificates that are handwritten.
7. Note: Although not part of the health requirements Mexico is recommending to the *Mexican importer* that the animals be free of BVD, Neospora, bovine leukosis, paratuberculosis and ectoparasites. (These are NOT enforceable health requirements).
8. Note for non-Arizona cattle destined for a Mexican-border land crossing point in the State of Arizona: Arizona requires such animals to be accompanied by a State-of-Arizona-issued entry permit. Without this permit, entry of the cattle into the State will not be allowed. For further information, call (602) 542-4293.